

Spiritual Companionship Following The Call

Class of 2019-2021 Application

(Please enclose a non-refundable \$50 application fee payable to: Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, and mail to P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, IN 46513.)

Application deadline is: July 31, 2019.

The personal interview needs to be completed by August 7, 2019.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home

City

State

Zip

Work

City

State

Zip

Phones: _____

Home

Work

Cell

E-mail _____

Home

Religious Affiliation

(Denomination & Community/Congregation)

Current Occupation _____

Date of Birth _____ Highest earned Academic Degree _____

Major Subject _____

How did you hear about this training? Personal referral _____ Newsletter _____ Website _____

Other _____

Outline your educational background after high school:

Outline your primary vocational history:

Please list the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two people whom you would trust to know your work or potential work as a spiritual companion. Ask them to send us a letter of recommendation before the application deadline, following the enclosed form.

a. _____

b. _____

The following are some of the questions that will be discussed during the personal interview:

What are you seeking and what do you hope to receive from this program which will assist your growth in the ministry of spiritual companionship?

What has been your experience of receiving spiritual guidance? For how long? What in the relationship was most helpful to you?

In particular, what religious experiences have attracted you to seek spiritual companionship training at this time?

If you are currently serving as a spiritual companion, describe the context (parish, retreat house, own home). How long have you been a companion? What experiences affirm you in this ministry?

What is your understanding of the intent of spiritual companionship?

What readings and personal experiences have influenced your understanding of spiritual companionship?

What particular strengths do you feel you bring to the ministry of spiritual companionship?

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Dear _____

As part of my application for the Spiritual Companionship Program, I am asking you to write a letter of recommendation for me. Please address the questions listed below, and provide any additional information which might be helpful for my application. Please send your response, to Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, IN 46513. jhuelsmann@poorhandmaids.org
Attention: by **July 31, 2019**.

Thank you,

(Signature of Applicant)

1. In what way are you acquainted with the applicant and his or her ministry?
2. What is your personal appraisal of the applicant's gifts, calling, and actual work as a spiritual companion for others? (Please note that "spiritual companion" implies attending specifically to people's prayer life, felt relationship with God, spiritual experiences, callings and the like.) If he or she is not a spiritual companion as of yet, how do you think his or her gifts would apply to this ministry?
3. Can you relate any comments from other people regarding the applicant's gifts and abilities as a potential spiritual companion?
4. What is your appraisal of the applicant's personal spiritual maturity and practice?
5. What is your opinion of the applicant's psychological maturity and stability?
6. Would you have any hesitation in referring someone to the applicant for spiritual companionship? If so, why?
7. Please mention at least one area of the applicant's life or work that you feel is in need of growth.

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO:

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